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child
trusts
you...***



**to protect him from entrapment
in an abandoned or stored
refrigerator or freezer.**

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and how you can solve it...

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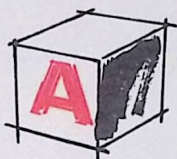
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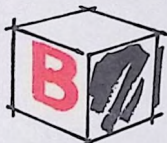
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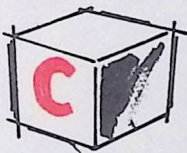
***parents' ABC's
of preventing
refrigerator or
freezer entrapment***



Supervise your child's play.



Teach your child about the dangers of entrapment in refrigerators, ice boxes, freezers, or other sealed areas.



Before you store or discard a refrigerator or freezer, seal it shut, block it open, or remove the doors as recommended.



If you find a temporarily stored or discarded box in the neighborhood, make sure it is safe or removed.

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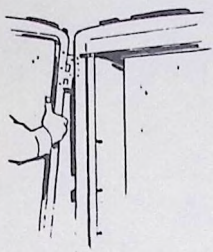
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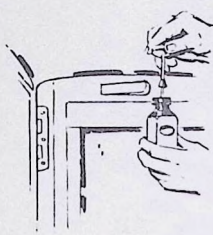
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WHEN YOU WANT TO STORE A REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER THAT WILL BE USED AGAIN...



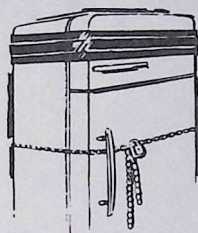
REMOVE THE DOOR... if the unit is put either temporarily or permanently out of use. Take preventive action immediately even if the unit is to be out of use a short time. It takes only a moment with a screwdriver, and the unit is safe... if door has internal wiring other methods of storage are recommended.



USE RUBBER BUMPERS OR WOODEN BLOCKS TO PREVENT DOOR FROM CLOSING COMPLETELY. Secure with contact cement or strong adhesive glue. Place high up—out of a child's reach—and make sure the bumpers or blocking are thick enough to prevent the door from closing completely.

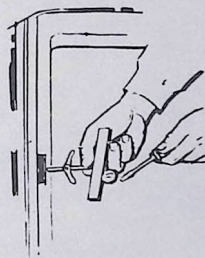
CHAIN AND PADLOCK OR TAPE DOOR CLOSED.

Use an ordinary chain and padlock if handle retains chain or the new virtually unbreakable self-adhesive filament tape ($\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" wide) which can be found at most stationery and hardware stores. Wrap tape around several times and overlap in the back.



REMOVE OR MODIFY LATCH.

If design permits, slip the winged head of a toggle bolt into latch with a wooden block or metal plate screwed flush to inner door surface. Where removal of latch leaves exposed screw holes attach a wooden block so door cannot close. When ready to restore to use, merely unscrew and remove.



As an extra precaution, leave the shelves in your refrigerator.

WHEN YOU DISCARD A REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER...

COMPLETELY REMOVE THE DOOR. In many municipalities, it's the law.

At any rate, it takes only a moment with a screwdriver. Do this immediately and have the old unit carted away and destroyed before it attracts a child's curiosity... and endangers his life. Caution: Disconnect the power cord when removing door.

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